

*St Mary's*



***Season of Creation 2***  
***10th September 2023***



**8am Presiding and Preaching:** Rev'd Canon Jan Joustra  
**10am Presiding:** Rev'd Canon Jan Joustra  
**10am Preaching:** Rev. Professor Emeritus Robert Gribben, AM

*Welcome to St Mary's North Melbourne.  
Thank you for joining us in worship.*

INTRODUCTION

This is the second Sunday in our observance of the Season of Creation, and it has the theme 'Land'. So today, there is a special sense in which we thank the custodians of the land on which we have built, and on which we work and pray, the Wurundjeri People of the Kulin nation. We pray for their elders and knowledge keepers, past and present, and will endeavour to follow their example in the preservation and restoration of the natural creation.

HYMN

TIS 658



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

**Refrain:**

*Here I am, Lord;  
is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you  
calling in the night;  
I will go, Lord,  
if you lead me.  
I will hold your  
people in my heart.*

**2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain;  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?  
*Here I am, Lord...***

**3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame,  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts are satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?  
*Here I am, Lord...***

*Daniel L. Schutte 1947– suggested by Isaiah 6  
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## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you:  
**And also with you.**

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Lord have mercy; **Lord have mercy**  
Christ have mercy; **Christ have mercy**  
Lord have mercy; **Lord have mercy**

**Kyrie 2**

Lord, have\_ mer - cy, Lord, have\_ mer - cy, Lord, have\_ mer - cy.

Christ, have\_ mer - cy, Christ, have\_ mer - cy, Christ, have\_ mer - cy.

Lord, have\_ mer - cy, Lord, have\_ mer - cy, Lord, have\_ mer - cy.

*From Christ Church Mass - Philip Matthias (b. 1954)*

*The deacon introduces the confession:*

God's whole creation groans. The land produces thorns and thistle and longs to be set free. Our sin affects all around us. We confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**Creator God, we confess that we have not honoured and obeyed you. We have broken our relationships with one another, abused your fragile creation, wounded your love and marred your holy image in us. We are sorry and ashamed and repent of all our sins. Father, forgive us. Lead us from apathy to love. Strengthen us as stewards of your precious people and of your glorious creation for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us. Amen.**

*The celebrant pronounces the absolution:*

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed: forgive you your sins, open your eyes to God's truth, strengthen you to do God's will and give you the joy of his kingdom through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## GLORIA

**Gloria 2**

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for\_ your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, \_ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are

seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the

Ho - ly One: you a - lone are the Lord: you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the\_ glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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## THE COLLECT

O God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you: help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Please sit for the reading*

A reading from the book Genesis:

The Lord God said to the serpent, ‘Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.’ To the woman he said, ‘I will greatly increase your pangs in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children, yet your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.’

And to the man he said, ‘Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, “You shall not eat of it”, cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.

By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return.’

Cain said to his brother Abel, ‘Let us go out to the field.’ And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. Then the Lord said to Cain, ‘Where is your brother Abel?’ He said, ‘I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?’ And the Lord said, ‘What have you done? Listen; your brother’s blood is crying out to me from the ground! And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand.

When you till the ground, it will no longer yield to you its strength; you will be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.’ Cain said to the Lord, ‘My punishment is greater than I can bear! Today you have driven me away from the soil, and I shall be hidden from your face; I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and anyone who meets me may kill me.’

Then the Lord said to him, ‘Not so! Whoever kills Cain will suffer a sevenfold vengeance.’ And the Lord put a mark on Cain, so that no one who came upon him would kill him. Then Cain went away from the presence of the Lord, and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

*Genesis 3:14-19; 4:8-16*

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 139.6-13

TIS 88

**Response:**

*Response*

Guide me, Lord, a - long the ev - er - last - ing way.

Where can I go from your spirit?  
Or where can I flee from your presence?  
If I ascend to heaven, you are there;  
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. **Response**

If I take the wings of the morning  
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,  
even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me fast. **Response**

If I say, ‘Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and the light around me become night’,  
even the darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light to you. **Response**

*Response ICEL Psalm verses from The Psalms: The Liturgical Psalter © 1976, 1977  
‘inclusive language’ version 1994 David L. Frost, John A. Emerton and Andrew A. Macintosh..*

## SECOND READING:

A reading from the Paul’s letter to the Romans:

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

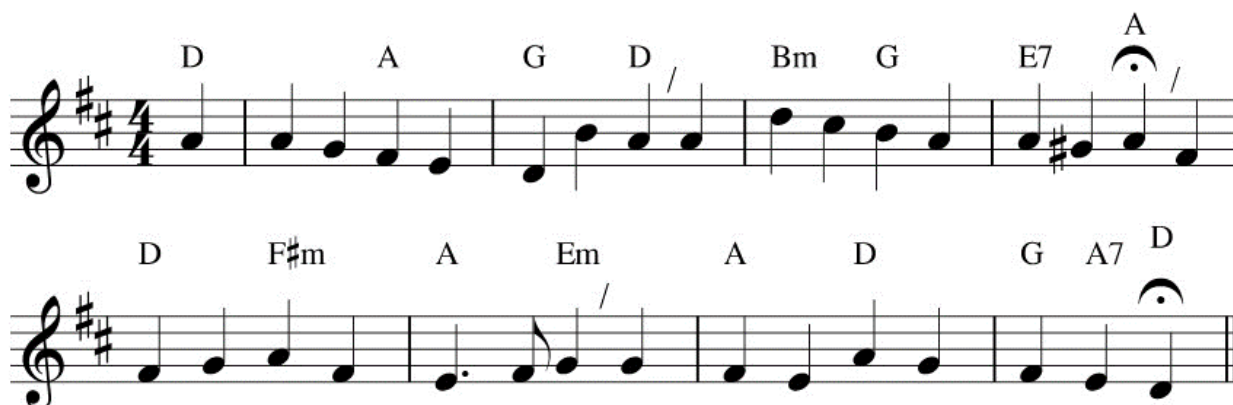
But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man’s trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man’s sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man’s trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

*Romans 5:12-17*

Hear the word of the Lord.

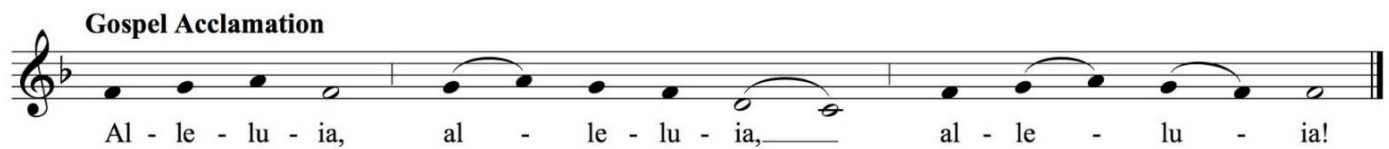
**Thanks be to God.**





1. O Father, Son and Spirit one  
in common love, a mystery,  
you draw us to your life divine  
and feed us with Christ's bread and wine.
2. O give us, Lord, a generous heart,  
a graciousness shaped by your own,  
a lavish generosity  
that shares your love for land and town.
3. O grant us, Saviour of the word,  
a passion for your mission here,  
a knowledge of your truthful word  
and courage to confront our fear.
4. Go with us Spirit, to the world,  
empower us by your presence there,  
to serve all people with your Word?  
and willing, too, his cross to bear.
5. So may our work in ministry  
be shaped like Christ's in deed and word,  
that all the world may learn your truth,  
your name alone be glorified.

## THE GOSPEL



Alleluia, **Alleluia**

Christ is the firstborn of all creation;  
all things have been created through him and for him.

**Alleluia**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
Saint Matthew:

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to Jesus, ‘Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you.’ But he answered them, ‘An evil and adulterous generation asks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For just as Jonah was for three days and three nights in the belly of the sea monster, so for three days and three nights the Son of Man will be in the heart of the earth.

*Matthew 12:38-40*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## SERMON

### NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

## INTERCESSIONS

*After each section:* Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe  
and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love,

That we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live

as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned  
and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives,

that we may protect the world and not prey on it,

that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain

at the expense of the poor and the earth.

God of all creatures, great and small

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,

to be filled with awe and contemplation,

to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature

as we journey towards your infinite light.

Help us to speak up for what is right and true

in ways that serve the liberation of all creation.

O God of compassion,

We hold in your presence all who are troubled and distressed,

Bringing before you those who have asked for our prayers ...

We remember all who have died recently,

And those whose year's mind falls at this time.

God in whom we live and move and have our being,  
We thank you for being with us each day.  
We pray, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints,  
That your Spirit encourage us in our struggle  
For justice, love and peace.

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.  
**Grant that what we have asked in faith, we may by your grace  
receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Intercessions adapted from Pope Francis's encyclical Laudato Si' (2015), 'A prayer for our earth.'*

## THE PEACE

We are the body of Christ: **his Spirit is with us.**  
The peace of the Lord be always with you: **and also with you.**  
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.





1. Beauty for brokenness,  
hope for despair,  
Lord, in the suffering,  
this is our prayer.  
Bread for the children,  
justice, joy, peace,  
sunrise to sunset  
your kingdom increase.
2. Shelter for fragile lives,  
cures for their ills,  
work for the craftsmen,  
trade for their skills;  
land for the dispossessed,  
rights for the weak;  
voices to plead the cause  
of those who can't speak.

**Refrain:**

*God of the poor,  
friend of the weak,  
give us compassion we pray;  
melt our cold hearts,  
let tears fall like rain.  
Come change our love  
from a spark to a flame.*

3. Refuge from cruel wars,  
havens from fear,  
cities for sanctuary,  
freedoms to share,  
peace to the killing-fields,  
scorched earth to green;  
Christ for the bitterness,  
his cross for the pain.

**4. Rest for the ravaged  
earth,  
oceans and streams,  
plundered and poisoned,  
our future, our dreams.  
Lord, end our madness,  
carelessness, greed;  
make us content with  
the things that we need.  
*God of the poor ...***

**5. Lighten our darkness,  
breathe on this flame  
until your justice burns  
brightly again;  
until the nations  
learn of your ways,  
seek your salvation  
and bring you their  
praise.  
*God of the poor ...***

*Graham Kendrick 1950–  
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#### THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have this bread to offer, fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

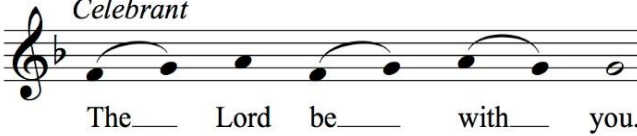
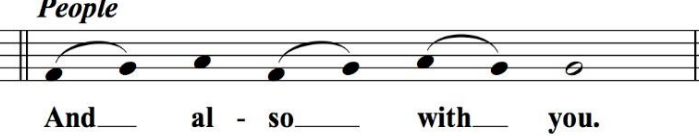

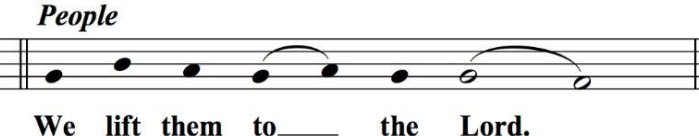
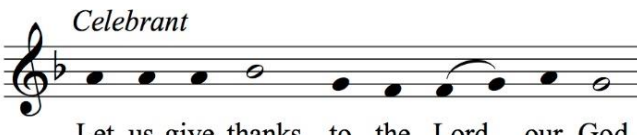
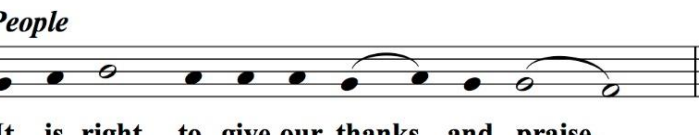
**Blessèd be God for ever.**

Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become for us the cup of salvation.

**Blessèd be God for ever.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

**Sursum Corda**

<i>Celebrant</i>  The Lord be with you.	<i>People</i>  And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>  Lift up your hearts.	<i>People</i>  We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>  Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	<i>People</i>  It is right to give our thanks and praise.

O God, eternal Wisdom, all you have made is beautiful and good. We thank you for darkness and light, for this earth and for our bodies, for growth and change and all that lies beyond our knowledge and imagination.

In every generation you befriend your people. You gave us your holy Law, sent the prophets, and called us back to the truth whenever we turned away.

You were vindicated in your Son Jesus who came with forgiveness, feasting, and stories of your grace.

Though we rejected him, death on a cross could not quench the fire of his love.

You raised him up for us, the firstborn from the dead, to build a new community of hope where all are honoured as Christ's equal friends. And so we praise you with Mary, mother of the living Word, and with all your faithful friends in heaven and on earth, as we join the angels' song:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**



God of the feast, your household is hungry for the bread of heaven and the cup of life. Send your Spirit on us and on our celebration, so that we may eat at this table and be satisfied with the sacrament of Christ's body and blood.

On the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with the people he loved. He took the bread, gave you thanks, broke it to share with them, and said: Take and eat this: it is my body. Do this in remembrance of me.

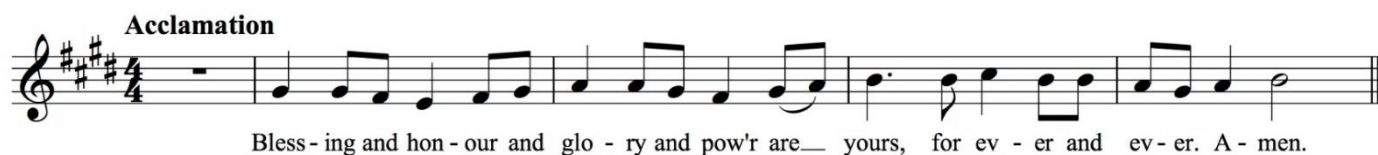
Then he took a cup of wine. Again he thanked you and said: Drink this, all of you: it is my blood, shed for you and for many so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

So we delight to remember Jesus: the faithfulness of his life, the victory of his cross, the glory of his resurrection, the joy of the Holy Spirit poured out for the Church.

We proclaim the mystery of faith:



O God, holy Wisdom, merciful and generous, accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Make us good stewards of creation, with justice in our hearts, courage in our actions and power in our speech to bear witness to the truth. Protect us with your glory, unite your church in loyalty and love, and bring us home with all your saints to feast with you for ever. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, and in the Spirit's grace, with heart and soul and mind and strength we love and worship you alone, O God:



*From Christ Church Mass - Philip Matthias (b. 1954)*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As Christ has taught us we are confident to pray:

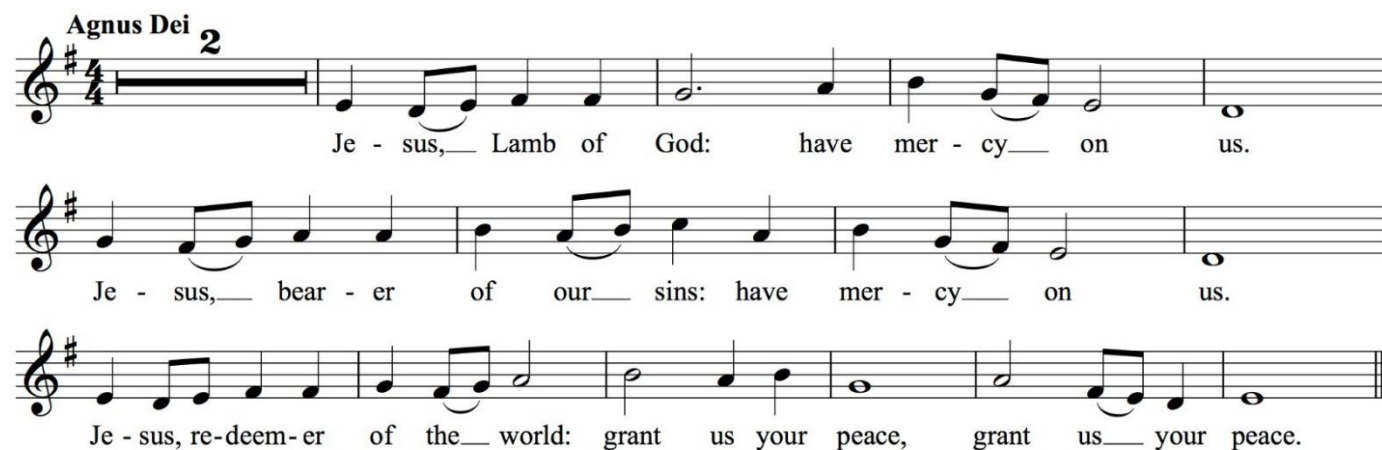
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

*The priest breaks the consecrated bread, saying:*

As this broken bread was once many grains, which have been gathered together and made one bread:  
**so may your whole Church be gathered from the ends of the earth  
into your kingdom. Amen.**

## AGNUS DEI

**Agnus Dei 2**



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re-deem-er of the world: grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

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## THE INVITATION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

## ANTHEM:

‘All things bright and beautiful’

*John Rutter*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## HYMN

TIS 106

*Gtr. Capo 1* Eb(D) Ab(G) Eb(D) Ab(G) Fm(Em) Bb7(A7) Eb(D)

Chord progression for the hymn:

Line 1: Eb(D) Ab(G) Eb(D) Ab(G) Fm(Em) Bb7(A7) Eb(D)

Line 2: Eb(D) Ab(G) Eb(D) Ab(G) Fm(Em) Bb7(A7) Eb(D) Bb(A)

Line 3: Bb(A) Eb(D) Bb(A) Eb(D) F7(E7) Gm(F#m)

Line 4: C7(B7) Fm(Em) Ab(G) Bb7(A7) Eb(D)

**1. Now thank we all our God  
with hearts and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom the world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms  
has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.**

**2. O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us.  
Lord, keep us in your grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all harm  
in this world and the next.**

**3. All praise and thanks to God  
who reigns in highest heaven,  
to Father and to Son  
and Spirit now be given:  
the one eternal God,  
whom heaven and earth adore,  
who ever was, is now,  
and shall be ever more.**

*Martin Rinkart 1586–1649  
tr. Catherine Winkworth 1827–78 alt.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

Most loving God, you send us into the world you love.

**Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of the Spirit.**

## THE BLESSING

The blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and always. **Amen**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## POSTLUDE

## PRAYERS

Please pray for those in need: including Libby and Michael, Karin, Martin and Mavis, Tim, Jonna and baby Paul, Bruce, Pat, Neil and Tricia, Bianca and family, Gerard, Annie and Ben, Colette and John, Karina and Anna.

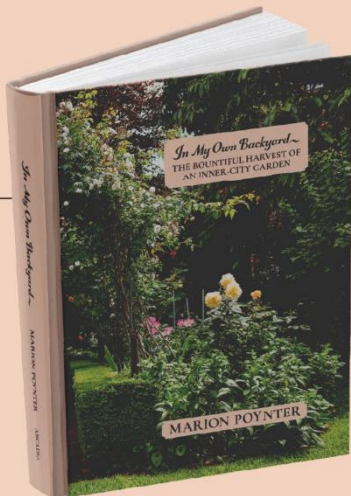
Also, those whose anniversaries of death fall this week, including: Kythe Pratt, Elizabeth Danne, Mary Ann Harrison, Robert Houghton (Priest, former Vicar).

If there is a name that should be included please advise the Parish Office by email [office@stmarys.org.au](mailto:office@stmarys.org.au)

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Roster		
		<b>10<sup>th</sup> September</b>
<b>8:00am Reader</b>		Judie Bainbridge
<b>10:00am Readers</b>		Susan Gribben John Blanch
<b>Serving Team</b>		Serving roster
<b>Subdeacon</b>		
<b>Welcome</b>		Michael Golding
<b>Introduction &amp; Intercessions</b>		Audrey Statham
<b>Video/AV</b>		Paul Eikelbaum
<b>Kids Corner &amp; Sunday School</b>		Harriet Jenkins
<b>Morning Tea</b>		Marion Poynter Susan Gribben
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## Thursday Midday Eucharist

For the next two months, there will be a midday Eucharist on Thursday.

All are Welcome!

## Sharing with the Hungry

There are three ways we can contribute food to those who cannot afford it.

- A financial donation to the Anglican Benevolent Society via the church office feeds the funds we use for a weekly purchase of meat for the kitchens at St Marks Fitzroy.
- A financial donation to either St Marks or Mission House via the church office gives them the money to buy what is needed for their food parcels.
- Food donations – but no glass items – can be left in the baptistery at St Mary's for either St Marks or Mission House.

*Take a bag – you know what to do!*

## Giving to Support St Mary's

We value your financial support. This helps us keep our doors open and fulfil our mission. *You can donate by following this link or scanning the QR code:*

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